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Question or Comment	<p>Dear Planning Commissioners, I am disappointed and angered by Commissioners Campbell, Harrison and Irving voting (however informally) in favor of approving Phillips 66 refinery expansion. I also applaud the integrity of Commissioners Meyer and Topping who see the dangers of oil-by-rail and voting against the plan. Last week, we saw the real danger to human health and the environment of oil-by-rail with the derailment and fire in Mosier, Oregon. The accident points out that there is no safe way to transport oil-by-rail. As a resident of San Jose and just two short blocks from the tracks I am deeply concerned about the hazards to our city and our population when these trains operate or derail. San Jose is home to one million people and is about 25-miles end-to-end. Approving the Phillips 66 refinery expansion means that oil-trains (three or five) will operate through the length of San Jose twice a day. These trains will pass through densely populated housing</p>

tracts, condominiums, apartments, businesses, schools, event venues and the very heart of the city itself. In total 100,000 people (more than a third of the entire population of San Luis Obispo County) live and conduct their daily activities within one-mile of the tracks. These citizens and my family will, on a daily basis, be subjected to the oil-train's danger and pollution spewed from the three Diesel engines. We will breathe the carcinogenic fumes. We will feel the impact of mile-long trains traversing the tenth most populous city in the country. We will be devastated when there is an oil spill, explosion and fire. We will (if we're lucky) stand at the safe-perimeter and watch, for days or weeks, as our lives and livelihood go up in toxic smoke. And for what? Corporate greed and petroleum products that will never benefit us! I urge you, the commissioners, to reconsider your position and recognize the terrible ripple effect of approving this proposal. An effect that reaches far beyond San Luis Obispo County. An effect that travels through California's rural and urban areas spreading environmental damage, economic hardship and human health dangers. Sincerely, Jack Sardegna San Jose CA